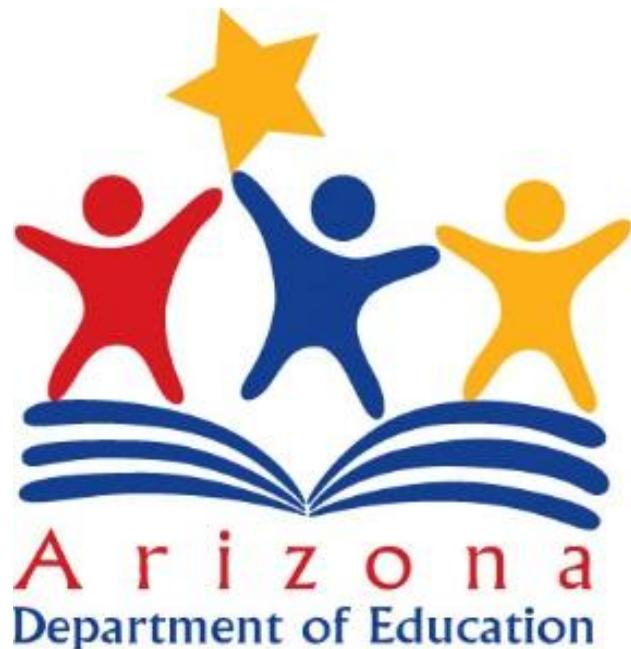


Arizona Broadband Initiative



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High-speed Internet is the necessary foundation for taking advantage of technology in the classroom. I support expanding broadband connectivity in every classroom in our state to ensure our students have the tools and skills they need to succeed in school and beyond.

Governor Doug Ducey

[Governor's Office & Arizona Department of Education Partner to Increase Internet Access for Arizona Students](#) Office of Education, March 18, 2016

Background

- 23% of Arizona school districts meet national affordability benchmarks for broadband access
- Many rural schools cannot access Internet fast enough to support digital learning
 - Gaps in technology opportunities based on geographical location
- ADE has taken the initiative to ensure LEAs can tap into federal resources
 - Assistance needed to complete federal application process

Arizona E-Rate Program

- National program offered by the Universal Service Administrative Company
 - Administers funding on behalf of the Federal Communication Commission
- Mission is to bring the high-speed Internet (broadband) to areas of the country underserved by existing utilities
- Education Super Highway assists ADE in working with schools and districts to make the most of the E-Rate dollars available to them
- In addition to discounts the school or district is already eligible for through E-Rate, a state match of up to 10% will in turn be matched by E-Rate at the same rate



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**Arizona
Universal
Service
Fund**

Current Broadband Status

- \$8M via the Corporation Commission
- \$3M from Governors office
- Positive impact on 70,000 students
- All 15 counties have requested funding
- 106 Schools/libraries served
- \$1.1M of the allocated \$11M allocated

Thank You



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